A LEGAL INCIDENT

A TRAGIC ENDING OF AN UNJUST CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

What Strong Circumstantial Evidence Did in the Case of a Trusted Clerk. He Died When He Learned That He Was Innocent Before the Law.

The following thrilling story comes from the lips of a well known member of the Pennsylvania bar:

A very bad and dishonest failure had occurred, in which a certain trusted clerk seemed to have been guilty of the larger share of the crime. He, with his employer, was arrested and charged with the crime. The clerk stoutly protested his innocence and denied all knowledge of the fraud or any connection with his employer.

However, there was a chain of cirrumstantial evidence woven around him which was exceptionally strong and which his counsel could not break down, although he was firmly convinced himself of his innocence. The clerk was convicted and sent to jail for a term of

After being confined in prison for about a year the poor fellow's mind began to weaken, and finally he broke down completely. He was taken from prison and transferred to a hospital for the insane. All the time the clerk continued to protest his innocence. After he had been confined in the nospital three or four years, certain facts in the failure were elicited which clearly proved that the unfortunate clerk was entirely innocent of having committed any crime.

Of course steps were immediately taken to secure the pardon of the man; the facts were laid before the pardon board at their next meeting and an order was given for his immediate release. It now became the delicate duty of

the counsel, in the case to break the happy intelligence to the pardoned clerk. But the question that confronted them was what could be done to restore his reason, and would he believe the news? If his mind could not be restored he could not be taken away. What could was agreed to call upon the poor clerk and make an attempt to rouse him from the apathy and lethargy into which he had fallen. This they decided to do by accusing him again of the theft of the funds. Whenever this subject was broached he always roused himself and became greatly animated, always vigorously denying it.

While his mind was aroused by this stimulus it had been decided that one of the counsel was to announce that the matter had been fully investigated and his innocence fully established. The parties to this strange drama assembled in the room of the stricken man. He sat silent and immovable, with his head in his hands.

As the old and ever rankling charge of dishonesty fell upon his ears the effeet was exactly that which had been foreseen and expected. He slowly raised his head. Looking his pseudo accuser straight in the eye he repeated, in a loud tone of voice, with a rising inflection and with great energy, "It is a lie."

The critical moment had come. The lawyer who had prosecuted him and secured his incarceration then stepped up to him and said: "You are right. It is a he, and you stand before the community a vindicated man. I have the order for your release in my pocket."

Then the lawyers stood off to watch the effect, hoping that the joy at the prospect of release and vindication would have the effect of putting the clerk again in his right mind. But no sign of joy overspread the man's features. His face bore its usual stolid expression. It seemed to have no apparent effect upon

The clerk turned his face toward the speaker, as if he did not understand him. Then his head fell forward, and the man was precipitated upon the floor at the feet of the lawyers. A single glance sufficed. He was dead .- Green Bag.

A Wooden Statue in Tokio. In Tokio, the capital of Japan, there exists a gigantic statue of a woman, made of wood and plaster and dedicated to Hachiman, the god of war. In height t measures fifty-four feet; the head alone, which is reached by a winding stairway in the interior of the figure, being large enough to comfortably hold wenty persons. The figure holds a huge wooden sword in one hand (the blade of the weapon being twenty-seven feet long) and a ball twelve feet in

diameter in the other. Internally the figure is fitted up with an extraordinary anatomical arrangement, supposed to represent the different portions of the brain. A fine view of the country is obtained by looking through one of the eyes of the statue .-London Tit-Bits.

Too Much of a Good Thing. A French paper relates that Baron de Lutz, late prime minister of the king of Bavaria, was much addicted to shroud ing all his actions in mystery. Having seriously hurt both his legs on one occasion, he consulted a separate doctor for each of his injured limbs. The one who treated the right leg was totally unaware that a fellow practitioner had been called in for the left one, and vice versa.

Just fancy that, instead of his two legs, each of his ten toes had been diseased! Why, it would have taken a fortune to pay the bills of ten doctors.-La Settimana.

One Year's Sale of Stamps. The number of postage stamps used in a year is something enormous. For instance, the ordinary postal revenue for the year ending June 30, 1891, exclusive of the money order business, was \$65,-065,293.87. Of this \$41,432,129.50 came from letter postage. The bulk of this is of course in two cent stamps, and it is safe to put the whole number of this denomination used at more than two billions per annum. - Kate Field's WashAFTER FIFTY YEARS

Woman's Chance Receipt of Tidings of

Her Kin in Kamchatka. More than half a century ago William Tolman sailed on a whaling ship bound for the northern seas. The ship was disabled and put into Kamchatka for repairs. Mr. Tolman was a master mechanic, and so well pleased were the inhabitants with his work of repairing the disabled ship that the authorities of the place induced him to stay. A few years after he married a Russian girl, by whom he had a daughter and two sons. When the daughter was eleven years old her father sent her to America on a whaler in charge of the captain. The ship put into the port of New London, Conn., and the captain sent word to the girl's relatives in western New York, who came to New London by team and took her to their home. Afterward she, with relatives, came to Michi-

The girl grew to womanhood, married an Episcopal clergyman named Dunn, and settled down in Lawrence, Kan. For fifty years Mrs. Dunn never heard a word from her parents in faraway Kamchatka. One day about a year ago she chanced to speak to a Russian in the streets of Lawrence, and was surprised when the subject of the czar said he once knew William Tolman, her father, and two brothers. He said that Mr. Tolman was dead, but that the sons were alive, but very poor. One of them, he told her, was a trapper.

The Russian gave Mrs. Dunn their address and she wrote to them, sending them clothing and many useful presents. In due time she got a letter from one brother, the first for over fifty years. The letter was passed around among the relatives. Yesterday W. T. Hess, of this city, got a letter, written in Russian, from one of the Tolman brothers in Kamchatka. Not being a Russian scholar he went out of his store to find some one to translate it. He espied a street fakir, and he asked him if he could read the letter. The fakir looked at it and replied, "Yes, sir; it is Russian and from Kamchatka." He translated the letter for Mr. Hess.

"Here is the funny part of the whole be done? After a consultation between thing," said Mr. Hess. "Mrs. Dunn the counsel on both sides of the case it | learned of her relatives through a Russian on the street in Lawrence, Kan and I had one of her brother's letters translated by a Russian found on the street in Grand Rapids. The William Tolman who sailed on the whaler was my uncle, for whom I was named. Funny how we get news from relatives sometimes," continued Mr. Hess. -Grand Rapids Democrat.

> Her Only Thought. It was one of the days when the wind blows suddenly and sharply around the corners, when the dust whirls in clouds and the air has a hard, cold dampness which goes straight through any coat except a fur one. Away up town on one of the western avenues where cheap shops are kept on the ground floor of cheap flat houses a woman stood by a window with a baby in her arms. Her dress was shabby and so thin that the wind went through it as through a sieve. The baby had a woolen frock and a worsted coat and cap, and seemed to be warm enough as he burrowed upon the woman's shoulder and dug his sprawl-

ing little fingers into her eyes. In the shop window were displayed two kinds of garments. On one side were women's woolen petticoats and all kinds of heavy cotton underclothing. which looked warm and comfortable. But this woman did not see them, for she was looking on the other side of the window, where were shown little knitted hoods and tippets of white, flossy stuff. and babies' mittens and babies' shoes and babies' fancy caps," with ribbons in them .- New York Times.

Large Electric Locomotives. The most powerful electric locomotives yet used are two of the London Underground railway. Each locomotive, according to a description of Mr. Alexander Siemens, carries two motors. and the use of all gearing is obviated by winding the armatures of the motors on the axles of the locomotive wheels. Tests of the four motors before they were fitted to their places gave from forty to fifty horsepower each for three of them-the other being much more powerful-and efficiencies of about 90 to 94 per cent.

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Four Methods of Preserving. Of the four principal manners of preserving food in use today drying and curing (the latter term including salting, smoking and antiseptic processes) are not modern, while tinning and freezing are entirely new. Tinning dates nominally from 1804, when Appert made the first attempts at inclosing food in hermetically closed boxes, but a long course of trials and improvements had to be gone through before the excellence of today was obtained. Dried vegetables were introduced by Chollet in 1845, but the products of that period were miserable in comparison with those turned out now. - Blackwood's Magazine.

Figures About Snuff. It seems surprising to learn that twenty years ago 4,000,000 pounds of snuff per annum were consumed in this country. Much more astonishing is this circumstance that during the fiscal year ended July 1, 1892, 10,000,000 pounds of snuff were used in the United States. Yet how rarely is it that one sees a pinch of snuff taken! - Cincinnati Commercial

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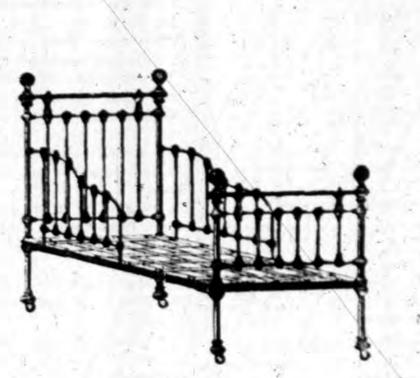
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